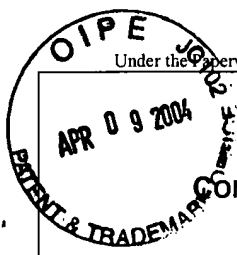


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/877,705
	Filing Date	June 8, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Xianqiang Li
	Group Art Unit	1639
	Examiner Name	T.D. Wessendorf
	Attorney Docket Number	26757-704

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 20000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

ii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 26757-704)

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) – 2 months – Fee of \$210.00

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

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